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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OF LACONIA
FOR THE YEAR ENDING
MARCH 1st, 1886.



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❖ ANNUAL REPORT ❖

— OF THE —

❖ TOWN ❖ OFFICERS ❖

— OF THE —

TOWN ❖ OF ❖ LACONIA

COMPRISING THOSE OF THE

TREASURER, SELECTMEN, OVERSEER
OF THE POOR

— AND —

❖ SCHOOL ❖ COMMITTEE ❖

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

❖ MARCH 1ST, 1886. ❖

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LACONIA, N. H.:
DEMOCRAT POWER JOB PRINT,
— 1886 —

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR

1888

REPORT OF THE

COMMISSIONER

OF THE
LANDS AND
IMPROVEMENTS

OF THE DISTRICT

OF THE DISTRICT

MARCH 1st 1888

PRINTED BY
J. H. BROWN AND SONS
NEW YORK

◇ VALUATION. ◇

Polls, (1066)	\$ 106,600 00
Buildings and land,	1,231,247 00
Horses, (324)	23,176 00
Oxen, (81)	4,512 00
Cows, (357)	10,278 00
Other neat stock, (74)	1,510 00
Sheep, (91)	335 00
Hogs, (24)	156 00
Carriages, (50)	3,966 00
Stock in public funds,	2,800 00
Stock in banks and other corporations,	93,800 00
Stock in corporations out of State,	3,550 00
Money on hand, at interest and on deposit,	62,926 00
Stock in trade,	144,754 00
Factories and machinery,	186,476 00
Steamboats,	4,700 00
	\$1,880,786 00
Less exempt from taxation by vote of town,	21,076 00
	\$1,859,710 00
Scholars—Boys, 313.	
Girls, 357.	
Soldiers—750.	
Dogs—294.	

◇ APPROPRIATIONS. ◇

State tax,	\$ 4,548 00
County tax,	5,170 53
Schools,	3,979 50
Current expenses,	3,000 00
Highways and bridges,	5,000 00
Firemen,	1,350 00
Support of poor,	400 00
Precinct current expenses,	700 00
Library,	500 00
Decorating soldiers' graves,	100 00

\$24,748 03

School House tax, Dis. No. 1, 600 00

Rate of tax for State, County, Town, School and Highway, \$13.95
per thousand.

Rate of School House Tax, Dis. No. 1, 37 cents per thousand.

◁ TREASURER'S REPORT ▷

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st, 1886.

ORRAN W. TIBBETTS, Treasurer, in account with the Town of Laconia:

RECEIPTS.

Cash in Treasury, March 1, 1885,	\$ 6,011 69
Cash from G. B. Lane, town clerk, billiard table	
licenses,	65 00
Insurance tax, State,	61 50
Railroad tax, "	1,502 75
Savings Bank tax, State,	5,066 83
Literary fund, "	333 67
F. W. Ladd, street lantern,	1 50
" " licenses,	47 00
D. B. Story, sheriff, rent of office,	24 00
Eliza A. Ames, money hired,	500 00
Eliza B. Morrison, "	1,600 00
Sarah J. Shepard, "	1,000 00
Jona. G. Dow, "	485 11
Ella A. Swasey, "	123 50
Nathaniel Edwards, "	1,000 00
Mary W. Young, "	400 00
Ira Loughton, "	252 50
Rhoda Smith, "	568 00
John Smith, "	500 00
John Watson, collector's list, 1884,	184 14
F. N. Blaisdell, collector's list, 1885,	2,375 33
S. C. Robinson, " " 1884,	2,481 01
" " " " 1885,	21,500 00
	\$ 46,083 53

EXPENDITURES.

Paid County Tax for 1885,	\$ 5,170 53
State " "	4,548 00
Library " "	500 00
Overseer of Poor, 1885,	175 00
School house tax, "	600 00
Decorating soldiers' graves, 1885,	100 00
	\$ 11,093 53

INTEREST PAID ON NOTES.

Horace Whicher,	\$ 191 94	
Mary W. Young,	13 73	
Nathaniel Edwards,	60 00	
Ira Leighton,	52 50	
Sarah J. Shepard,	143 95	
Rhoda Smith,	118 37	
Jona. G. Dow,	99 61	
Eliza A. Ames,	115 36	
Ella A. Swasey,	23 50	
John Smith,	131 32	
Harriet K. Tebbetts,	16 06	
Clarinda S. Clark,	112 40	
	————	\$1,078 74

NOTES PAID.

Horace Whicher,	\$ 2,000 00	
Mary W. Young,	400 00	
Nathaniel Edwards,	1,000 00	
Ira Leighton,	200 00	
Sarah J. Shepard,	850 00	
Rhoda Smith,	450 00	
Jona. G. Dow,	385 50	
Eliza A. Ames,	432 00	
Ella A. Swasey,	100 00	
John Smith,	500 00	
Clarinda S. Clark,	850 00	
Harriet K. Tebbetts,	275 00	
	————	\$7,442 50

SCHOOL ORDERS.

Dist. No. 1,	\$ 3,949 20	
3,	232 22	
4,	184 23	
5,	111 40	
	————	\$4,477 05

BREAKING ROADS, SPRING 1885.

Dist. 1. C. B. S. Watson,	\$ 341 10
7. J. F. Crockett,	20 07
8. Jacob Sanborn,	40 80
9. F. M. Severance,	11 85
10. J. P. Pitman,	21 65
11. C. E. Morgan,	47 90
12. J. B. Corliss,	47 00
13. J. M. Robinson,	56 40

Dist. 14.	E. L. Filgate,	\$ 44 17	
15.	Chas. D. Brown,	10 95	
16.	C. H. True,	25 48	
		<u> </u>	\$ 667 37

WINTER 1885-1886.

Dist. 1.	C. B. S. Watson,	\$ 482 23	
7.	I. D. Head,	6 25	
8.	Jacob Sanborn, (no bill)		
9.	Fred M. Severance,	1 65	
10.	J. P. Pitman,	11 36	
11.	C. E. Morgan,	4 00	
12.	F. L. Cawley,	17 58	
13.	B. L. Batchelder,	4 95	
14.	C. E. McCartney,	20 40	
15.	C. D. Brown,	3 00	
16.	A. Doe and R. L. Bean,	8 33	
		<u> </u>	\$559 75

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

A. G. Young, land damage and costs, awarded by Commissioners,	110 61	
Arthur E. Leavitt, services and expense of commissioners in A. G. Young road case,	64 50	
G. Cook & Son, lumber,	75 77	
John H. Robinson, hay,	40 14	
S. J. Lamprey, land damages to C. H. Rowe and estate of R. Gove,	209 00	
S. W. Sanders, supplies,	101 29	
G. Cook & Son, lumber,	77 59	
	<u> </u>	\$ 678 90

HIGHWAYS.

Dist. 1,	C. B. S. Watson, (see his report)	\$ 4,146 20	
7,	I. D. Head,	112 70	
8,	Jacob Sanborn,	92 52	
9,	Fred M. Severance,	43 80	
10,	J. P. Pitman,	44 55	
11,	C. E. Morgan,	110 40	
12,	F. L. Cawley,	83 94	
13,	B. L. Batchelder,	39 75	
14,	Charles E. McCartney,	16 40	
15,	Chas. D. Brown,	28 60	
16,	Joseph P. Moulton,	138 34	
"	A. Doe, damage to plow, 1884,	5 00	
		<u> </u>	\$ 4,862 20

CURRENT EXPENSES OF PRECINCT.

W. D. Huse, labor and supplies,	\$ 7 19
J. P. Pitman & Co., supplies,	7 62
G. Cook & Son, supplies,	6 20
D. O'Shea, paid express,	1 15
Geo. W. Simmons & Co., supplies	18 00
N. P. Burnham, care of Thomas force pump,	8 65
Novelty Job Printing Co., printing precinct report,	15 00
W. A. Brown, use of team,	1 00
James Judkins, labor on steamer,	15 00
A. W. Wilcox, labor,	9 45
F. H. Champlin, Supt. fire alarm, 6 mo.,	34 75
Henry Glover, cleaning flues steamer,	2 00
Weston Electric Co., supplies,	5 26
Fuller, Dana & Fitz, supplies,	13 94
James Judkins, labor on steamer and cash paid out,	17 25
Abel Machine Co., labor,	9 60
E. A. Page, labor and stock at engine house,	6 50
A. C. Leavitt & Son, wood,	2 00
E. E. Cutting, labor,	4 00
C. H. Rowe, removing snow,	2 90
James Judkins, labor on steamer,	15 00
James Boyd & Sons, supplies,	4 25
Geo. E. Chase, services fire alarm,	15 00
J. P. Pitman & Co., supplies,	90
Lewis Laplant, labor,	1 50
J. A. Wilcox, labor and supplies,	4 00
F. H. Champlin, care fire alarm and supplies,	40 50
James Judkins, services as engineer, labor on steamer,	42 00
G. Cook & Son, coal,	16 10
Boston & Lowell R. R., freight,	25
G. E. Knowlton, use of team,	2 00
Abel Machine Co., labor and material,	16 35
Boston Dyewood and Chemical Co., supplies,	20 54
Fred Stone, drying hose,	15 20
Frenyear & Razee, supplies,	24 17
S. W. Sanders, supplies,	11 49
Laconia Gas Light Co., gas at engine house,	33 50
Meserve & Wilkins, blacksmithing,	10 69
S. W. Sanders, supplies,	1 20
M. T. Whittier, labor at engine house,	12 60
L. W. Smith, labor at engine house,	7 80
O'Shea Bros., supplies,	30 00

Laconia Car Co., supplies,	19 18	
J. E. Everett, supplies,	5 00	
G. Cook & Son, lumber,	43 72	
Henry Glover, cleaning flues steamer,	2 00	
Abel Machine Co., labor and supplies,	18 42	
		\$600 82

PAID FIREMEN.

Steamer Co.,	\$ 345 00	
Hook and Ladder Co.,	460 00	
Reliance Hose Co.,	322 00	
		\$1,127 00

DAMAGE TO SHEEP BY DOGS.

R. O. B. Perkins.	\$6 00
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CURRENT EXPENSES.

J. C. N. Davis, error in tax,	\$ 2 00
Louisa Glidden, rebate of S. D. Glidden's poll tax,	1 76
Novelty Job Printing Co., printing,	3 25
John H. Pickering, lighting street lights,	42 00
Lewis, Vaughan & Co., printing reports,	62 00
J. F. Merrill, for Board of Education,	60 00
Laconia Gas Light Co.,	126 44
C. E. Morgan, water trough, '84-'85,	6 00
John H. Pickering, lighting street lights,	23 00
Mrs. E. J. Beaman, rent,	96 00
Laconia Gas Light Co.,	92 98
A. N. Clark, lighting street lights,	21 00
E. C. Covell and R. H. Carter, care of town clock,	50 00
Truland Bros., printing tax bills,	5 50
A. N. Clark, lighting street lights,	42 00
S. J. Lamprey, paid badges, handcuffs, keys, &c.,	6 65
Laconia Gas Light Co.,	122 20
A. N. Clark, lighting street lights,	21 00
H. E. Mace, M. D., vaccination,	41 30
A. N. Clark, lighting street lights,	21 00
Simeon Whiting, damage to horse,	10 00
Laconia Gas Light Co.,	125 46
F. W. Ladd, witness and expenses in Yeaton case,	41 52
Gilford Hosiery Co., for barrels in 1881,	16 00
A. N. Clark, lighting street lights,	42 00
J. R. Champlin, supplies for street lights,	19 40
A. L. Morrison, horse hire,	10 00
Mrs. P. J. Rounds, damage on highway,	37 50
A. N. Clark, lighting street lights.	23 50

F. H. Coffin, printing for town clerk,	\$ 2 75
E. C. Covell, repairs on town clock,	3 75
Laconia Gas Light Co.,	146 37
E. A. Hibbard, legal services Yeaton case,	20 00
A. N. Clark, lighting street lights,	21 00
S. J. Lamprey, paid births and deaths as follows :	

	Births.	Deaths.	
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A. W. Abbott,	9	24	\$8 25
H. C. Wells,	6	5	2 75
N. L. True,	18	15	8 25
H. E. Mace,	4	4	2 00
A. Lindsay,	3	3	1 50
D. B. Nelson,		3	75
Mrs. R. W. Wiley,	20	5	6 25
T. S. Foster,	9	6	3 75
F. W. Ladd,		3	75
J. C. Shannon,		1	25
O. Goss,	3	2	1 25
O. W. Goss,	3	1	1 00
G. H. Saltmarsh,		1	25
G. F. Roby,		1	25
B. Munsey,		1	25
N. C. Nutting,		2	50
F. L. Gerald,		1	25
Olive Burton,	4		1 00
			\$39 25
S. S. Jewett, rent police court room,			45 00
Laconia Gas Light Co.,			75 60
A. G. Folsom, rent of hall one year,			60 00
Lewis, Vaughan & Co., printing and supplies,			11 50
L. S. Perley, surveying,			3 00
J. Gilbert, supplies street lights,			12 55
J. F. Harriman, supplies,			2 58
S. W. Sanders, supplies and labor on street lights,			6 45
Jewell & Stone legal services,			180 00
Marshall Bros., water troughs and stables,			50 00
S. J. Lamprey, cash paid out,			19 74
F. W. Ladd, " " "			37 70
Ladd & Keasor, supplies street lights,			63 68
A. N. Clark, lighting street lights,			21 00
Paid John M. Eagan,			76 00
J. R. Champlin, lamp posts, &c.,			25 00
			\$2,094 38

TOWN OFFICERS.

John H. Robinson, supervisor,	\$ 21 25
J. W. Ashman, auditor,	2 00
“ “ bal. as town clerk,	2 20
C. W. Tyler, auditor,	2 00
Geo. B. Lane, supervisor,	25 00
S. J. Lamprey, selectman,	275 00
Seth Flanders, bal. services as selectman, 1884.	6 00
G. B. Lane, town clerk,	86 69
Chase M. Swain, special police,	4 00
O. H. Daniels, “	7 00
Rufus L. Bean, police at Weirs,	25 00
F. W. Ladd, selectman,	225 00
T. F. Ford, health officer,	65 10
“ “ police,	50 00
H. L. Wilkinson, fish and game warden,	40 00
O. W. Tibbetts, treasurer,	100 00
J. C. Shannon, overseer poor,	75 00
F. N. Blaisdell, collector,	50 00
S. C. Robinson, collector,	250 00
Mrs. H. H. Eastman, Supt. School Committee,	50 00
J. G. Dow, services as selectman,	85 00
James Judkins, night watch,	730 00
	\$ 2,176 24

PAUPER ACCOUNT.

J. C. Shannon, Overseer of Poor, in account with Town of Laconia :	
To cash received from County of Belknap for support of county paupers,	\$ 1,180 78
Paid for support of county paupers,	1,180 78
To cash received from Town Treasurer,	\$175 00
on hand, as per last report,	51 55
	\$ 226 55

Which is accounted for as follows :

Paid G. L. Mead aid to M. A. Stevens,	\$ 7 92
H. A. Davis, sexton's bill for Annie Morrisey,	2 50
City of Concord aid to Mattie L. Hunkins,	40 75
Expense to Concord for “ “	4 65
Town clerk of Dalton, for copy of records,	1 00
Aid to Mary A. Severance,	130 00
Cash on hand,	39 73
	\$ 226 55

J. C. SHANNON, Overseer of Poor.

We have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

C. W. TYLER, }
J. W. ASHMAN, } Auditors.

RECAPITULATION.

Total receipts,

\$ 46,083 53

DISBURSEMENTS.

State tax,	\$ 4,548 00
County tax,	5,170 53
Library tax,	500 00
Decorating soldiers' graves,	100 00
School orders,	4,477 05
Notes paid,	7,442 50
Interest on notes,	1,078 74
Breaking roads,	1,227 12
Roads and bridges,	5,541 10
Paupers' bills, (see report,)	175 00
Current expenses,	2,094 34
" " precinct,	600 82
Damage to sheep by dogs,	6 00
Firemen,	1,127 00
School house tax,	600 00
Town officers,	2,176 24
Cash in hands of treasurer,	9,219 05
	<u>\$46,083 53</u>

ORRAN W. TIBBETTS, Treasurer.

Laconia, N. H., Feb. 27, 1886.

◀ FINANCIAL CONDITION OF TOWN ▶

MARCH 1, 1886.

LIABILITIES.—NOTES OUTSTANDING.

No.			Amt.	Int.
1,	Wm. J. Morrison,	Feb. 5, 1883,	\$ 400 00	\$ 51 42
2,	M. Emma Sanborn,	7,	500 00	21 60
5,	Nellie Whitcher,	Mar. 2,	1,000 00	124 84
6,	Mary S. Whicher,	2,	1,000 00	124 84
9,	Eben L. Dow,	20,	1,500 00	183 62
10,	Nath'l Edwards,	24,	500 00	18 66
11,	Colimer J. Smith,	30,	150 00	18 18
12,	Eben L. Dow,	30,	1,000 00	121 24
13,	B. M. Sanborn,	April 18,	700 00	83 35
14,	Andrew J. Varney,	June 27,	2,102 49	233 16
17,	M. Florence Smith,	May 8, 1884,	400 00	39 81
20,	John Edwards,	Dec. 5,	1,000 00	49 58
21,	Eliza A. Ames,	Mar. 2, 1885,	500 00	10 00
22,	Eliza B. Morrison,	June 20,	1,600 00	44 43
23,	Sarah J. Shepard,	July 1,	1,000 00	26 66
24,	Jona. G. Dow,	1,	485 11	12 92
25,	Ella A. Swasey,	1,	123 50	3 28
26,	Nathaniel Edwards,	1,	1,000 00	26 66
27,	Mary W. Young,	1,	400 00	10 66
28,	Ira Loughton,	1,	252 50	6 74
29,	Rhoda Smith,	1,	568 00	15 14
30,	John Smith,	1,	500 00	13 33

\$16,681 60 \$1,240,13

Due on notes and interest, \$17,921 73

Mrs. M. A. Kelley, land damage in 1882, 1 00

Thos. Lane or trustee, fireman's pay for 1885, 23 00

For Soldiers' Monument in hands of treasurer,

appropriated in 1884, 2,000 00

————— \$19,945 73

ASSETS.

Due from A. Thompson, as per last report,		\$ 54 59
“ D. B. Story, rent of room for sheriff's office,		16 00
57 shares B., C. & M. R. R. stock,		570 00
Stable and shed on Water street,		375 00
Land on Water street,		800 00
Pair horses,		300 00
Cart, harnesses, blankets, etc.,		150 00
Stone lifter,		25 00
Road machine,		175 00
S. C. Robinson, tax list, 1885,	\$24,339 00	
Interest collected,	23 20	
Taxes added,	14 57	
	<u> </u>	\$24,376 77
Less abatements,	\$129 45	
Paid treasurer,	21,500 00	
	<u> </u>	\$21,629 45
Balance due from collector,		2,747 32
F. N. Blaisdell, tax list, 1885,	\$2,527 71	
Interest collected,	7 89	
	<u> </u>	\$2,535 58
Less abatements,	9 60	
Paid treasurer,	2,375 33	
	<u> </u>	\$2,384 93
Balance due from collector,		150 65
Cash in hands of treasurer,		9,219 05
		<u> </u>
Liabilities, March 1, 1886,		\$14,582 61
Assets, “ “		\$19,945 73
		<u> </u>
Liabilities, March 1, 1886, less assets,		\$5,363 12
Debt reduced from 1885,		4,809 98

We would recommend that the town raise the same amount for Roads and Bridges as last year—\$5,000, and for current expenses \$4,000, as there will be \$1,140 to pay for use of hydrants, as per vote of town.

S. J. LAMPREY,	} Selectmen of Laconia.
F. W. LADD,	
J. G. DOW,	

We have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

C. W. TYLER,	} Auditors.
JOHN W. ASHMAN,	

◁ HIGHWAY SURVEYOR'S REPORT. ▷

REPORT OF C. B. S. WATSON, SURVEYOR OF HIGHWAYS, DISTRICT
No. 1, LACONIA, N. H.

Received of town treasurer,	\$ 4,969 53
George Sleeper, street waste,	15 00
Warren Baldwin, " "	1 00
George Hull,	4 00
Jefferson Gilbert,	10 00
C. A. Young,	7 00
George Webster,	1 00
S. S. Jewett	8 00
C. J. Smith,	4 00
Horace Whitcher,	1 00
N. B. Gale,	3 00
John Merrill,	1 00
W. L. Melcher, canal,	6 50
E. F. Burleigh, grade,	2 00
C. B. S. Watson, manure,	13 00
F. E. Busiel, stone,	4 84
Rowe & Keasor, stone,	10 00
George Merrill, old brick,	5 50
C. A. Young, use of scraper,	4 50
H. E. Mace, grade,	3 00
Bickford, grade,	1 00
John Boardman, old plank,	2 00
Napoleon Genach, "	1 50
Walter Brown, "	50
For street waste of others,	12 00
	\$5,090 87

Paid out as follows for breaking roads, Spring 1885:

C. B. S. Watson, as per vouchers,	\$ 94 50
Aaron Conner,	84 00
Benj. Rand,	45 55
Joseph Tatro,	20 00
Alfred Longevain,	15 00
Dick Young,	4 50

Paid George H. Edwards,	\$ 16 80
J. H. Jackson,	1 05
Josiah Davis,	3 00
L. C. Grant,	9 30
Lawrence Whalen,	5 25
Peter Trainor,	5 25
Henry Barratt,	2 25
Charles Winn,	1 50
Henry Glover,	3 00
George Perry,	4 50
Fred C. Watson,	1 00
David Edwards,	3 00
Martin Morrissey,	75
John Swain,	1 50
Valentine Cook,	1 50
Charles Pickering,	75
Fred Pickering,	75
Mike Long,	1 50
John Shea,	1 50
John Pickering,	1 50
John Nichols,	4 55
A. M. Thyng,	7 35

Expenditures of Highway District No. 1, 1885:

Paid C. B. S. Watson, as per vouchers, labor, self and team,	\$ 529 50
Aaron Conner,	384 00
Benj. Rand,	270 30
Joseph Tatro,	275 00
George Perry,	267 50
Joseph Samson,	247 00
A. C. Leavitt,	7 20
Fred C. Watson and team,	142 75
Octave Gay,	206 25
Dick Young,	15 75
D. M. Rowe & Co.,	22 50
E. A. Page,	10 00
Lewis Truckee,	1 20
George W. Riley,	9 90
Charles W. Winn,	1 50
J. P. Pitman & Co.,	19 20
Edward Lorange,	24 75
Lawrence Whalen,	1 50
Henry Barratt,	1 50
Martin Morrissey,	11 25

Paid Zoel Lemay,	\$ 35 25
Emet Gagne,	72 50
L. M. Pike,	960 00
Charles Horne,	5 25
C. A. Young,	13 70
John W. Mathes,	5 60
John Edwards,	7 80
O. L. Sanborn,	2 00
Lewis & Vaughan,	1 25
Nagavee Garant,	1 40
Charles H. Rowe,	51 75
W. L. Swain,	17 50
James O'Brien,	3 75
Paul Morin,	4 50
Lewis W. Boynton,	7 20
Octave Terrier,	6 75
Nelson Hartson,	1 50
J. T. Durham,	12 00
Isaiah Lamon,	1 50
John Foster,	1 21
Michael Scott,	12 00
Ferdinand Lebel,	1 34
David Blair,	1 38
Philip Landrey,	1 12
Joseph Foster,	1 82
Calvin Vittum,	7 50
Wiggin, & Co.,	8 37
J. J. Ladd,	3 75
Napoleon Genach,	6 00
J. P. Barnum,	12 65
Haman Piper,	1 54
Loren Williams,	4 20
Mike Murphey,	75
Lawrence & Parshley,	12 57
John Dow,	75
C. L. Navehum,	60
Richard Hill,	1 35
D. F. Merrill,	2 50
J. H. Tilton,	43 20
J. H. Tilton,	5 63
John Williams,	6 00
Augustine Coite,	75
A. V. Smith,	1 00
John C. Ladd,	16 70

Paid George L. Mead,	\$ 20 61
David C. Batchelder,	2 50
H. J. Crooker & Co.,	80 30
Laconia Lumber Co.,	12 69
Laconia Car Co.,	38 65

\$3,969 18

Paid breaking roads, Winter of 1885-6:

C. B. S. Watson and team, as per vouchers,	\$ 169 00
Aaron Conner,	168 00
Benj. Rand,	77 90
Joseph Tatro,	9 50
Fred C. Watson,	8 50
Dick Young,	3 00
Octave Gay,	6 00
D. M. Rowe & Co.,	6 00
Joseph Samson,	6 00
Charles W. Winn,	75
Lewis Truckee,	75
Edward Lorange.	75
Albert Gay,	75
Charles Conner,	75
C. L. Follinsbee,	75
John C. Ladd,	6 25
John Nichols,	22 30
Harmon Lee,	2 25

\$489 20

Paid expenses and repairs for stable.

C. A. Young,	\$ 2 75
C. W. Hatch,	7 50
Peter Cook,	10 25
Edward Perry,	10 25
G. E. Knowlton,	1 50
George L. Mead,	1 50
Laconia Lumber Co.,	12 00
H. J. Crooker & Co.,	19 85
Laconia Grist Mill,	128 70
J. S. Batchelder,	15 56
E. J. Dinsmore,	10 36
H. C. Wells,	1 00
J. A. Mitchell,	20 04
A. C. Leavitt & Son,	21 85

Paid E. A. Page,	\$ 3 30
J. P. Pitman,	8 91
J. H. Tilton,	1 40
Stone Brothers,	3 00
L. E. Lindsay & Co.,	
J. Henry Story,	6 75
	\$291 39

SCHEDULE OF TOOLS BELONGING TO HIGHWAY DISTRICT NO. 1,
MARCH 1, 1886.

1 sled, 1 ice crusher, 1 stone-drag, 4 iron bars, 14 drills, 2 striking hammers, 1 hand hammer, 4 picks, 5 hoes, 1 plow, 1 desk, 2 lamps, 1 set fall blocks, 2 baskets, 1 water pot, 2 scythes and snaths, 1 bit stock, 2 levels, 1 shave, 1 paving hammer, 1 hatchet, 1 square, 2 chisels, 1 hand saw, 2 coal hods, 2 oil cans, 1 harrow, 2 wheelbarrows, 1 concrete heater, 25 tar barrels, 1 manure fork, 1 tar ladle, 15 wooden snow shovels, 1 concrete roller, 1 stove, 3 lanterns, 2 pails, 1 set pruning shears, 18 bits, 2 planes, 1 two-inch auger, 1 mallet, 1 nail hammer, 1 bevel, 1 pair saw-horses, 1 tea-kettle, 1 monkey-wrench, 2 dirt scrapers, 6 snow plows, 1 concrete kettle, 1 tape line, 1 tool box.

Stone and grade on hand, \$15 00

5 sewer grates, 5 00

C. B. S. WATSON, Surveyor.

We have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

C. W. TYLER, }
JOHN W. ASHMAN, } Auditors.

◁ PUBLIC LIBRARY. ▷

TO THE SELECTMEN OF LACONIA:

The Trustees of the Public Library, in presenting this, their eighth annual report of the condition of said library, in view of the large and constantly increasing use of the same, the wear of the books—especially works of fiction—and the large and increasing expense for re-binding and replacing books that are worn out and must be replaced, recommend to the consideration of the town the importance of a larger appropriation that will enable us to keep the library in good condition, and make a larger addition of such works as are demanded.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE SHOWS THE GROWTH OF THE LIBRARY:

	1879	1880	1881	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886
The Library contained....	1931	2208	2428	2651	3371	3891	4196	4377
Juvenile.....	325	339	350	375	438	438	469	486
Fiction.....	595	725	834	887	1046	1040	1233	1292
History, Travels, Biography, &c.....	1011	1144	1244	1389	1881	2413	2494	2599
Whole No. cards issued....	1260	1569	1838	2125	2369	2607	2897	
No. issued during year....				287	244	239	290	
Greatest No. taken in day....	491	364	336	404	346	382	400	
Average each day.....	593	188	191	208	218	189	224	
Greatest No. out at time....		695	633	702	711	640	689	
Average No. out.....		472	478	477	479	491	519	
Total during year.....				21842	20965	19785	23327	
Av. of Juvenile each day....	48	32	30	36	36	28	35	
Av. of Fiction each day....	134	114	117	122	132	116	148	
All others each day.....	64	43	42	46	50	45	41	
No. added during year....	277	440	223	720	547	305	181	

The following persons have given one or more volumes: N. B. Gale, Esq., Hon. H. W. Blair, Hon. A. F. Pike, Hon. M. A. Haynes. The state publications have been received as usual.

A report of the financial condition of the library is herewith appended:

JAMES H. TILTON, JOHN T. BUSIEL, CHAS. F. PITMAN, JOHN W. ASHMAN, WM. F. KNIGHT,	}	Trustees.
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LACONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY IN ACCOUNT WITH WILLIAM F. KNIGHT,
TREASURER.

GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS.

1885.		
March 2.	Balance on hand as per last report,	\$ 18 37
	Town appropriation for current year,	500 00
	Edgar F. Reeves, Librarian, receipt for fines,	52 36
	“ “ “ “ “ catalogues,	22 25
	“ “ “ “ “ books lost,	2 00
	“ “ “ “ “ books sold,	2 00
		\$596 98

EXPENDITURES.

Truland Bros., for cards,	\$ 8 00	
Edgar F. Reeves, supplies, expenses, &c.,	4 91	
“ “ “ labor on new books,	11 13	
“ “ “ for vol. 7 Granite Monthly,	2 00	
Wiggin & Co., wood,	3 75	
Edgar F. Reeves, wood and supplies,	4 91	
Laconia Gas Light Co., gas bills,	25 00	
A. G. Folsom, rent one year to Dec. 1st,	100 00	
E. B. Beaman, rebinding books,	77 80	
Lewis, Vaughan & Co., printing supplement, num- bers, &c.,	34 15	
Edgar F. Reeves, postals, printing, &c.,	7 10	
“ “ “ washing windows, &c.,	1 65	
John W. Ashman, expense to Boston for purchase of books,	5 80	
W. L. Melcher & Co., insurance,	37 50	
Edgar F. Reeves, services as Librarian one year,	125 00	
Estes & Lauriat, books,	145 65	
Cash to balance,	2 63	
		\$596 98
Income from the Helen A. Avery fund :		
1886.		
March 2.	Balance on hand as per last report,	\$ 23 64
	Interest received on investment,	70 00
		\$93 64
Paid Estes & Lauriat for books,		78 80
Cash on hand to balance,		\$14 84

We have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly
cast and properly vouched.

C. W. TYLER, {
JOHN W. ASHMAN, { Auditors.

❧ SCHOOL REPORT. ❧

GRADED SCHOOLS.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN OF LACONIA:

The Board of Education for School District No. 1, herewith submit their eleventh annual report.

The number of schools supported by the district during the year has been ten. The High School, North and South Grammar, North and South Intermediate and five Primary Schools, two on the North and three on the South side. The teachers, except in the North Grammar, North Second and South First Primary Schools have been the same during the year. The Spring term of the North Grammar was taught by Miss Mary E. Rowe, who taught that and the preceeding term, with good success, but having the offer of a better situation, very naturally accepted it. The fall term was taught by Miss Carrie A. Smith, who resigned at the close of the term thinking that her health would not warrant her in endeavoring to secure so hard a school for another term. The winter term has been taught by Miss Lizzie E. Lovell, who has been elected for another term. This has become one of our hardest schools to govern, and has become so, partly perhaps, on account of the too frequent change of teachers which the Board has been obliged to make, and partly on account of a class of boys that are not all naturally vicious, but are of that age at which they think more of having their own way without regard to the right, than they do of learning their lessons and obeying the wholesome rules of the school. A great part of this difficulty, we think, might be remedied by the parents taking a decided stand in favor of good order and discipline, and have their children know that "order is heaven's first law" and it must be the first law in school, in order that the best results may be obtained. Perhaps the Board of Education should not wash its hands from all responsibility in this matter. It has been our wish that all pupils in the district should have an equal chance to obtain an education, still there is a time when "forbearance ceases to be a virtue," and we feel that that time has nearly come. *Boys please take notice.* The North Second Primary, the first term of the year as was also several previous terms, was taught by Miss Fannie A. Shannon; the second and third terms by Miss Florence M. Ellis, who is engaged for the next term. The South First Primary the first term was taught by Miss Alice M. Nelson, who has taught successfully the same school for several terms, but intending to

make teaching a business, deemed it for her advantage in future years, to take a Normal School course; she therefore resigned to avail herself of that privilege. The second term was taught by Miss M. E. Barrell, and the third by Mrs. M. B. G. Knowlton, who has been elected as teacher for the next term. We very much regret the necessity of making so frequent changes of teachers, as much time is thereby lost; it matters not how good a teacher may be, it will take two or three weeks for a new teacher to get the school properly arranged and in good order for work. We have introduced into our schools works on Physiology and Hygiene, with especial reference to the effects of alcoholic drinks, stimulants and narcotics upon the human system, in compliance with the laws on that subject. Our schools have made commendable progress during the year. A class of thirteen graduated from the High School last June, the largest class that has ever graduated in one year since the adoption of the graded system by the district. Owing to the thrift and enterprise of our village, it is increasing in population very fast, and there is a corresponding increase in the number of our scholars, and in the near future the district will have to make further provisions for their accomodation, and we think it would be wise to take the matter under consideration immediately, and not wait until we are driven to it without proper time to consider what would be for the best. Our present school rooms, except those at the North Brick, are warmed in winter by means of wood stoves, and in the severe cold weather it is impossible to keep an even temperature in the rooms; in order to keep the back parts of the rooms in a comfortable condition, it is necessary to keep a very hot fire, and the result is that those scholars who occupy seats near the stove suffer from the excessive heat, while those more remote are suffering as much from cold; in neither condition is a scholar able to apply himself to study as he could with an even and comfortable temperature. This matter of heating we would recommend the district to consider. More inconvenience has been experienced at the Academy building than elsewhere on the above account, as the windows have become worn so that a great deal of cold air gets into the rooms, and teachers and scholars alike suffer from colds, contracted either in or out of the school rooms. Those who suffer with cold while in the school contract them there, and those who are over heated in the school room are sure to take cold when they go out into the cold air. The High School was closed one week before the usual time on this account. The Academy lot and building do not belong to the district, but are in the hands of the trustees of Gilford Academy from whom the district holds a lease which expires on the twenty-second day of July next. After one more term of school it will be necessary to get a further lease or make some other arrangements; as the lot is a very desirable one for a good school building, perhaps some arrangements might be made

with the trustees (by a special act of the Legislature or otherwise) to turn the whole matter over to the district for school purposes.

The whole number of scholars attending the public schools of the district two weeks or more during the year, has been 545, of whom 275 were boys and 270 were girls; of those reported, 37 were under six years of age, and 30 were over sixteen. The whole number of children in the district between 5 and 15 years of age, as enumerated by the Selectmen last April, was 624, of whom 292 were boys and 332 were girls.

The number of scholars who have been on the roll of honor each term during the year is as follows:

	Spring.	Fall.	Winter.
High School,.....	12.....	8.....	7
North Grammar,.....	10.....	11.....	2
South ".....	6.....	3.....	3
South Intermediate,.....	28.....	20.....	25
North ".....	12.....	12.....	3
North 1st Primary,.....	13.....	5.....	8
" 2d ".....	9.....	1.....	3
South 1st ".....	15.....	4.....	12
" 2d ".....	8.....	7.....	10
" 3d ".....	15.....	10.....	10

JOHN G. JEWETT,	} Board of Education.
SARAH L. MERRILL,	
EDWIN C. LEWIS,	
FLORENCE L. TYLER,	
DR. D. B. NELSON,	
JOHN F. MERRILL,	

◁ SCHOOL REPORT. ▷

UNGRADED SCHOOLS.

I respectfully submit to the citizens of the town my third annual report of the schools outside the village district, which have been generally successful. It will be seen by the statistical report that some of the schools have been so very small that it has been impossible to create a great amount of interest and enthusiasm in the studies pursued, as a single scholar in a class is neither interesting to teacher or scholar; but the schools have been all we could reasonably expect under the circumstances. In reviewing the school work of the past year, it is but justice to say, that, taken as a whole, a practical and thorough work has been done and good progress made.

I would again urge parents to visit the school-room during the term, and not wait until the closing day; for in so doing you will be able to judge more correctly of the work done by teacher and pupils. Those who know personally most about the school are the most competent judges. It is wisdom, when a teacher is found who is specially adapted for school work and takes an interest in it, is successful and commands the respect and good will of the scholars, to retain such teacher as long as possible, or so long as he continues to give satisfaction. When we realize that so many of our scholars receive all their education so far as school privileges go, in our common schools, it is of the greatest importance that the best teachers be employed, in order to secure the greatest amount of good to the greatest number. This matter I leave for your careful consideration.

In some of our schools teachers have required more written work than has formerly been done, which was much needed, as it is a line of school work that has for a long time been earnestly recommended in all schools by our most experienced educators.

I hope an increased interest in the noble cause of education will develop itself as time goes on, and that my successors will receive the support I have received for the past three years. They will always have my best wishes and sympathy.

The whole number of children in the town between 5 and 15 years of age, as enumerated by the selectmen last April, was 670: of whom 313 were boys, and 357 were girls.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Mrs. Cynthia A. Hill taught during the spring and fall terms. Number of visitors during the spring term, fourteen. Roll of Honor: Nellie M. Drown, Lena M. Flanders, Annie E. Hadley, Grace P. Kimball, Frank S. Willey.

FALL TERM—Number of visitors, eleven. Roll of Honor: Ida B. Willey, Frank S. Willey.

WINTER TERM—Taught by Miss Mary A. Dicey, who is a superior teacher and well adapted to the work of the school-room, and is worthy of hearty approval for her faithful work. She possesses the faculty to impart knowledge and stimulate thought by the use of additional questions, not being confined to the text books. No special preparation made for examination, which gave an opportunity to test the real standing and scholarship of the school. The pupils made excellent progress in all branches of study taught, especially in reading. Number of visitors, seventeen. Roll of Honor: Charlie W. Cawley, Albert W. Head, Grace P. Kimball.

DISTRICT No. 4.

This school, during the entire school year, has been taught by Mrs. N. A. Weeks, who is an experienced and efficient teacher, and the work done in her school was highly creditable to teacher and pupils. The examinations were in the highest degree satisfactory. Number of visitors during the year, twenty-three. Roll of Honor: First Term—Nellie Marsh, Alice Marsh, Cora Cummings, Eva Cummings, Mattie Cummings, Alice Weeks, Annie Weeks, Fred Moore, Frank Marsh, Elmer Moulton, Otis Cummings. Second Term—Maud M. Doe, Annie D. Davis, Grace L. Weeks, Alice C. Weeks, Annie L. Weeks, Nellie Marsh.

DISTRICT No. 5.

SPRING TERM—Miss Sadie E. Moulton, teacher. Miss Moulton was eminently successful. A lively interest was manifested in all the exercises of the school, and good progress was made. Number of visitors, thirty-six. Roll of Honor: Lillian M. Brown, Noah W. Brown, Etta H. Filgate, Alice J. McCartney, John M. McCartney, Homer C. McCartney, Willis G. Watson.

FALL AND WINTER TERMS—Taught by Miss Emma M. Severance, with good success. Instruction thorough. Both terms were short, with a vacation of two weeks. The prosperous condition of this school is due in a great measure to the interest manifested by parents and citizens. Number of visitors, twenty. Roll of Honor: Fall Term—Lillian M. Brown, Noah W. Brown, Willis G. Watson. Winter Term—Noah W. Brown, Willis E. Floyd, Willis G. Watson.

ANGELINA B. EASTMAN, School Committee.

Laconia, N. H., Feb. 25, 1886.

◁ STATISTICAL TABLE. ▷

GRADED SCHOOLS—DIST. NO. I.

Term.	Grade of School.	Name of Teacher.	Wages per Month.	Length of School in Weeks.	Whole No. of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	No. of pupils attending to the following studies:									
							Reading.	Spelling.	Pennmanship.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	History.	Composition.	Drawing.	Phys. & Hygiene.
Spring.	High School....	Helen W. Poor.....	\$48	12	43	42	43	33	..	7	..	23	..	..	..	..
	North Grammar..	Mary E. Rowe.....	40	11	43	40	43	43	43	43	21	43	24	43	..	..
	South Grammar..	Belle F. Small.....	40	11	28	26	28	28	28	28	14	28	14	28	28	28
	No. Intermediate	Mrs. Hattie H. Watson	36	11	38	32	38	38	38	38	38	17	..	38	..	38
	No. Intermediate	Annie E. Trafton....	36	11	45	42	45	45	45	45	45	14	..	45	..	45
	No. 1st Primary..	Sarah D. Knowlton....	36	10	41	36	41	41	..	41	20	..	..	..	..	..
	No. 2d Primary..	Fannie A. Shannon....	36	10	50	46	50	50	..	30	..	..	..	..	..	..
	No. 1st Primary..	Alice M. Nelson.....	36	10	50	46	50	50	50	50	20	..	..	..	..	..
	No. 2d Primary..	Florence I. Goodspeed	36	10	45	39	45	45	45	45	..	..	..	..	..	..
	No. 3d Primary..	J. Annie Robinson....	36	10	62	52	62	62	62	62	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fall.	High School....	Helen W. Poor.....	56	12	47	45	20	..	..	23	..	..	..	47	..	..
	No. Grammar....	Carrie A. Smith.....	40	11	42	39	42	42	42	20	42	20	42	20	42	42
	No. Grammar....	Belle F. Small.....	46	11	35	32	35	35	35	35	12	35	23	35	35	35
	No. Intermediate	Mrs. Hattie H. Watson	36	11	38	36	38	38	38	38	19	..	38	..	38	38
	No. Intermediate	Annie E. Trafton....	36	11	45	40	45	45	45	45	29	..	45	..	45	45
	No. 1st Primary..	Sarah D. Knowlton....	36	10	34	30	34	34	..	34	13	..	..	..	34	34
	No. 2d Primary..	Florence M. Ellis....	36	10	46	30	46	23	46	46	..	..	..	..	46	46
	No. 1st Primary..	M. E. Barrell.....	36	10	55	43	55	55	55	55	19	..	..	..	55	55
	No. 2d Primary..	Florence I. Goodspeed	36	10	43	34	43	43	43	43	..	..	..	..	43	43
	No. 3d Primary..	J. Annie Robinson....	36	10	58	49	58	58	58	58	..	..	..	..	58	58
Winter.	High School....	Helen W. Poor.....	56	11	48	45	48	..	..	23	..	..	..	48	..	..
	No. Grammar....	Lizzie E. Lovell.....	40	11	44	40	44	44	44	22	44	24	44	..	44	44
	No. Grammar....	Belle F. Small.....	48	11	34	30	34	34	34	34	13	34	21	34	34	34
	No. Intermediate	Mrs. Hattie H. Watson	36	11	32	29	32	32	32	32	16	..	32	..	32	32
	No. Intermediate	Annie E. Trafton....	36	11	45	42	45	45	45	45	26	..	45	..	45	45
	No. 1st Primary..	Sarah D. Knowlton....	36	10	38	33	38	38	..	38	13	..	..	..	38	38
	No. 2d Primary..	Florence M. Ellis....	36	10	44	33	44	19	44	33	..	..	..	..	44	44
	No. 1st Primary..	M. B. G. Knowlton....	36	10	49	40	49	49	49	18	..	..	..	..	49	49
	No. 2d Primary..	Florence I. Goodspeed	36	10	38	33	38	38	38	38	..	..	..	..	38	38
	No. 3d Primary..	J. Annie Robinson....	36	10	50	43	50	50	50	50	..	..	..	..	50	50

UNGRADED SCHOOLS.

Dist.	Term.	Name of Teacher.															
3	Spring.....	Cynthia A. Hill.....	\$26	10	16	12	13	14	11	13	9	7	..	1	2	2	
	Fall.....	"	28	9	14	11	14	14	10	14	7	8	..	..	2	..	
	Winter.....	Mary A. Dicey.....	32	11	12	9	12	12	12	10	6	..	1	..	..	..	
4	Spring.....	Mrs. N. A. Weeks.....	30	9	23	21	21	21	18	18	4	4	3	..	1	..	
	Fall.....	"	30	13	19	14	19	19	16	17	9	8	14	..	1	..	
	Spring.....	Sadie E. Moulton....	24	8	11	10	11	11	11	7	5	3	..	1	..	..	
5	Fall.....	Emma M. Severance..	28	6	8	7	8	8	7	8	4	2	1	..	1	..	
	Winter.....	"	28	8	11	8	11	11	9	11	5	5	2	..	1	..	

For the last three columns of Ungraded School Table read Physiology, Book-Keeping, Algebra, in place of corresponding headings in Graded School Table.

In the High School, at different terms, those studying the higher branches were as follows: Physical Geography, 43; General History, 33; Rhetoric, 6; English Literature, 19; Physiology 20; Book-Keeping, 20; Algebra, 43; Geometry, 27; Philosophy, 23; Chemistry, 30; Astronomy, 6; Botany, 13; Natural History, 23; Civil Government, 19.

